

Appl. No. 09/945,176
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original and appended) *Virtual Space formed by construction of an electronic enclosure produces utility as a natural product, resulting in an Electronic Facilitation Venue.*

- (new) The above terms require definitions. The term facilitation is used to indicate an activity, process, or venue that lowers the 'threshold' required for a process to take place. For purposes of this claim we shall use the term Venue as a place or location, either physical or virtual, where a process can take place. Time, space, and dimensions limit physical locations. These limitations often create the need for extensive physical facilitation. Since Information Technology tends to eliminate these factors, virtual facilitation enhances cost effectiveness.
- (new) The Electronic Facilitation Venue proposed here is a 'Generic Venue' that does not require immediate, specific hardware or software definition. It is first and foremost an intellectual construct requiring application of highly sophisticated information technology to bring it to reality. Care must be taken determining IT type and nature of its processes because these will determine the final configuration of the Facilitation Venue.

Claim 2 (original withdrawn)

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Claim 2 (revised and appended) ***It will constitute a single architecture comfortable with a wide variety of IT operations.***

- The venue is not Legacy, Network, or Parallel Processing Architecture. It is an electronic enclosure constructed from off-the-shelf hardware and software. 'Thin-clients' are used to control end-user access and a distributed operating system determines program content, types, and degree of access.
- The user interface will have a similar 'feel' to that of an electronic game, but have program content appropriate to the IT process and the end user.
- The key factor is this architecture is not focused on 'distribution' of information but designed to offer a secure venue for its exchange.

Claims 3-7 (withdrawn)